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"Belfast" Marine Gaoled

London, Dec. 29. "Definitely not," was the reply given by a 17-year-old Portsmouth girl when asked at Winchester, Assizes if she still wanted to marry the man in the dock, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of taking her away from her mother while she was under age.

She agreed that she had been fond of the man, Roy Voller, aged 20, a deserter from the Royal Marines, and had wanted to marry him. When asked by his counsel, Mr. Back, if she thought Voller was fond of her, she answered bitterly: "He said he was."

Voller, who asked for three cases of stealing, and one of false pretences to be taken into consideration, was sentenced by Mr. Justice Wrottesley to 12 months' imprisonment.

"I expect you show some sense," was the judge's comment when the girl said she did not want to marry Voller. Mr. Back said that by the time Voller was 18 he had a record of active service of which any grown man might be proud. When 14, he joined the Marines in 1940, and in the following year was posted to H.M.S. Manchester, conveying in the Mediterranean. She was torpedoed and Voller, then 15, was posted to H.M.S. Emerald, and later to H.M.S. Belfast, in which he served until taking part in D-Day operations.

Passion For Sea

When, at the age of 18, Voller returned to shore duties he found the parade ground routine irksome, and wanted to break his 12-year contract with the Marines. During the war he had formed a passion for the sea and wanted to go into the Merchant Navy.

His application to have his contract with the Royal Marines altered to a war-time one was rejected, and Voller, frustrated, seemed to go off the rails completely.

His parents, said Mr. Back, had been separated for many years, his father being in Colombo and his mother in London.

Describing his offence as "a wild escapade of two very silly young people," Mr. Back said that Voller still desired to marry the girl. Voller was certain when he took her away that her parents would not have agreed to their marriage.

Passing sentence, the judge said: "What I observe in your case is not so much subtlety in seducing this girl. She's been rather silly, I think. Twelve months in prison will show you that your foolish, defiant, and criminal acts are not worth it."

Santa Claus Came Up Trumps

Birmingham, Dec. 28. A little girl's request to "Father Christmas, North Pole" has had a heavy sequel. Eleven days ago five-year-old Margaret Todd of Hall Green, Birmingham, addressed a letter to "Father Christmas, North Pole, Ireland," which read: "Dear Father Christmas. Will you please bring me a board and easel or painting book. I think I have been a good girl. Love from Margaret."

Today, the head postmaster at Birmingham Post Office sent out his own official car, chauffeur and assistant superintendent, and a postman to deliver a parcel received from "Father Christmas, Norway," addressed to Margaret.

Margaret's letter had been put in the foreign post box for Norway by a sorter at the Birmingham General Post Office. Today, the Birmingham General Post Office received a parcel together with a letter from the officer-in-charge of the Oslo Post Office, asking for it to be forwarded.

Santa's letter read: "Dear Margaret. When I received your letter I immediately opened your book where I have noted the names of good children in

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WINSTON TO JOSEF

London, Dec. 28. Mr. Winston Churchill sent greetings to Generalissimo Stalin on his 67th birthday last Saturday, it was disclosed today.

Churchill wired Stalin: "All personal good wishes on your birthday, my wartime comrade."

Stalin replied: "My warm thanks for your good wishes on my birthday."—United Press.

DRUG STORES WANTED

London, Dec. 29. The Luton, Bedfordshire, Youth Council, after a survey, said that the young people of England want, among other things, drug stores patterned after those in the United States, where they can gather socially—and they want more understanding and sympathy from their parents.

The report said some parents seem jealous of opportunities now offered to their sons and daughters, and take the stand: "We never had these opportunities, why should they?" "We have had it in the nerves of the grown-up," said the Council, "so that parents are

not so sympathetic toward leisure time... there is a feeling that some parents are negative. "Young people generally do not want extravagance. Understanding and sympathy are absolutely necessary in adolescence."—Associated Press.

8th Army Corporal Murder

London, Dec. 28. Thomas John Ley, 61-year-old former New South Wales Minister of Justice, described as a company director, was one of three men who appeared in a West London Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the murder of a former Eighth Army corporal, John McBain Mudie.

The other two accused were John William Buckingham, 43, and Lawrence Smith, 39.

Mudie's body was found in a chalk pit in the country near London four weeks ago.

The three men were remanded in custody until next Friday.

After being demobilised, Mudie worked at a hotel in Reigate—a small country town near London. He left the hotel one day and did not return. Later his body was found in the chalk pit with a rope round his neck.—Reuter.

The police prevented reporters from getting close to her and sped her in a car to the jail in Palais de Justice.—United Press.

VALE APPELIUS

Rome, Dec. 28. Mario Appellius, 57, who shared honours with Virginia Gayda as Mussolini's chief propaganda mouthpiece, was found dead today of a brain tumor in a squalid apartment, in such poverty that his body was without shoes.

Appellius was released from prison by the Allies only recently as the result of an amnesty.—United Press.

War Dyes Please The Ladies

London, Dec. 29. Those dyes of many colours which helped protect the combat soldier by giving him camouflage in the jungle and helped save the airman by giving him a bright yellow-easy-to-see rubber boat for his rescuers to find, at last are back in peacetime production. It is obvious, the ladies are pleased.

Varying shades of yellow and greens are among the colours being used by the Dyers and Finishers' Association for Fabrics which will be used to make next year's smart clothes—party frocks and gay sports outfits.

And the dark navy blue, no longer in prime demand for uniforms, again will give the smart English man and woman dressy suit in the shades they have wanted so long.

The rubber boats, or dinghies? They are being sold as holiday gifts, to give the children more sport at the seaside next year.—Associated Press.

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AIR DISASTER STATEMENT

Shannon Airport, Dec. 28. An official statement on the Shannon air disaster, in which 12 people were killed yesterday said: "The primary cause of the accident involving the Trans-World Airlines Constellation near Shannon Airport, is still unknown. "Marks indicate that the plane travelled some distance in contact with the ground until there was an explosion followed by fire in portions of scattered wreckage. The passengers and members of the crew were scattered over a considerable area and rescue work was made extremely difficult due to the darkness and inaccessibility of the crash area."—Reuter.

"DESERT QUEEN" ARRIVES

Paris, Dec. 29. Countess Marguerite D. Andurien, the "uncrowned Queen of the Arabian desert," who is accused of poisoning her 26-year-old cousin, arrived in Paris under heavy guard today from Nice.

Despite the secrecy surrounding her arrival in company with three armed guards, she was met by more than 30 newsmen and photographers straining for a look at the faded beauty of a face which reportedly lured three men to death during the adventuresome long career of supposed international intrigue.

The curious, however, were disappointed. As the countess's petite brown-haired figure descended from a private third-class car at Gare de Lyon her face was completely shrouded in a scotch plaid muffler. She wore a mink coat and fur-lined shoes.

The police prevented reporters from getting close to her and sped her in a car to the jail in Palais de Justice.—United Press.

POOTUNG BLACK-OUT

Shanghai, Dec. 29. The whole of Pootung, on the opposite side of the Whangpoo River to Shanghai today was threatened with complete blackout as a result of damage by a large American steamer on Christmas Day of the submarine electric cable laid across the river from Shanghai.

The electricity supply company issued a warning to all factories in the district west of the river against using their power current. Repairs to the cable are now being pushed and are expected to be completed in about one week's time.

A claim for payment of full damage was said to have been presented by the Pootung Electric Supply Company to the American President Lines, the agents for the steamer, which struck the submerged cable on December 25.—United Press.

Princess Elizabeth's "Normal Romance"

(After careful reportorial investigation of all sides of the current rumours of the engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip of Greece, United Press presents the following well-founded dispatch by Bruce Munn.)

London, Dec. 29. Princess Elizabeth is not engaged, but it is only because of a normal, affectionate father's solicitude for his normal, romantic 20-year-old daughter's happiness.

Both direct and indirect over the world, advised against an immediate engagement. He said, in effect, "six months and make sure of your heart."

Well-founded informants said the King took the position that although Elizabeth is the Crown Princess of Greece, she should have the right to a normal romance but could not gracefully exercise the ordinary woman's privilege of changing her mind. If her engagement to Philip were announced now when the Princess is only 20, it would be awkward if she were to change her affections later and wish to break the engagement.—United Press.

'Cease-Fire' Order In Indo-China

Paris, Dec. 28. The Viet Nam authorities tonight issued a cease-fire order to the Executive committee of the Nambo-Viet Nam Underground organisation in Southern Indo-China—in order to avoid prejudicing the French Colonial Minister, M. Marius Moutet against the Viet Namese point of view in the current Franco-Viet Nam strife, according to a report received here from Saigon.

Nambo guerillas were ordered to maintain their positions but not to engage in any aggressive hostilities, the report added. Earlier, Nambo forces were said to have been alerted for action in Southern Indo-China. There were indications in Indo-China tonight that the Viet Namese were preparing the ground for a possible truce overture, the Saigon report added.

Saigon newspapers in the Annamite language, hitherto pro-Nationalist, today urged the French and Viet Namese to return to the military and political positions they occupied before October 1941.

Meanwhile earlier reports stated that French troops were making slow but steady progress in the mopping up operations in Hanoi. French troops had recaptured certain points in the southern part of Hanoi after "heavy fighting" a French War Office spokesman said. Civilians in the city were short of food but were able to leave if they wished.

Receiving "extremely valuable aid" from the native population, the French troops had forged ahead in the other areas, the spokesman continued. They had recaptured the garrison quarter at Bac Meinh and had dispersed Viet Nam attacks at Hongay and Hai Duong. The attacks also officially reported to be weaker at the most critical French position in Rhy Lang Thuong, where a garrison of almost 2,000 was surrounded.

Another beleaguered French garrison at Nam Dinh was also reported to be holding off Viet Nam attackers successfully, the spokesman said. The vital road from Hanoi, running northwards to Langson on the Chinese border, had been completely freed of Viet Nam troops.

Total French Strength. The total French strength in Indo-China was said to be 100,000 including Naval personnel strongly represented along the coast, which they are dominating easily. French officials estimated that the Viet Namese also have about 100,000 men under arms, but they were armed for guerilla warfare rather than for serious fighting.

They are believed by the French General Staff to have only ten outmoded guns as artillery, but their automatic weapons are said to be the latest American models. "Some of them so new that they were not used even in the last stages of the World War."

Two large French troop transports are on the high seas at the moment, while the 43,000-ton French liner Ile de France is timed to leave Cherbourg today where she would disembark 8,000 trainees and embark another contingent of trained soldiers believed to be around the 9,000 mark. Putting into Toulon, on the Mediterranean coast, the ship is expected to arrive on December 25.—United Press.

45,000 Chinese Repats.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. More than 45,000 additional Chinese, wishing to return to their overseas homes will be repatriated within the next six months from five ports in China, according to an announcement by the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Shanghai, Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow have been chosen as repatriation centres from which overseas Chinese will be sent to Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and French Indo-China.

The announcement reveals that in Rangoon CNRRA is at present caring for overseas Chinese returned to Burma but unable to proceed to their pre-war homes pending negotiations between the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Burmese Government, which to date has withheld entry permits for returning Chinese.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The intense anticyclone over China is moving eastward. Pressure remains very low N.E. of Japan and has risen somewhat over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Freshening E. winds, weather cloudy, becoming partly cloudy for a time during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 61 deg. Fah. Minimum: 49 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 73 per cent. Sunshine: 10.1 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

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SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

Practical Experiment In Lam Ma Village

Register For Jury Duty---Now!

A Government spokesman has requested that a final warning be given to the public that failure to comply with the jury notice which appeared in the Press on Dec. 2 renders offenders liable to a penalty fine of \$100.

Several firms and individuals have not yet registered and they are reminded that this has to be done on or before Jan. 1.

It is stressed that the full Christian names and not initials should be given, and also the private addresses of each member or employee of any particular firm registering.

Individuals who are members or employees of a firm are particularly requested not to send in separate registration but to see that their names are included in the firm list.

Jury forms may be had on application at the Registry, Supreme Court.

ORANGES'N APPLES

The local market will be flooded with American oranges and apples this week when strike-bound ships from the U.S. Pacific Coast arrive in close succession bringing much delayed cargo.

The s.s. "Lightning" due Jan. 2 is alone bringing an estimated cargo of over 10,000 cases.

A record drop in prices is expected, and importers have for sometime past been scratching their heads in anxiety as to how to get rid of the accumulated arrivals without serious loss.

Three-Day Holiday

Passage of China's Draft Constitution by the National Assembly will be celebrated by Chinese in Hong Kong with a three-day holiday for all schools and public organisations commencing on New Year's Day.

All shops, business houses, clubs and associations will display the National Flag for three days, and on New Year's Day a mass public meeting will be held at the King's Theatre when addresses will be made from the platform on the significance of the occasion.

Shortness of the notice from Nanking prevented a more elaborate display, as it was originally intended to hold also a lantern procession at night.

Rangoon, Dec. 29. U Aung San, Deputy Chairman of the Burma Governor's Executive Council, warned the Burma "People's Volunteer Corps"—armed bands of young men in the service of the Burmese Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League—to be prepared for an emergency if the London "Independence talks" of the future of Burma failed. —Reuter.

Russia Sends Out Her Colonists

Moscow, Dec. 28. Hundreds of thousand of Soviet citizens have been transplanted to the newly acquired Russian territories since the readjustment of borders caused by the war, and the flow of colonists is continuing unabated in a major resettlement of population.

In recent months, scattered reports have appeared in the Russian press on the progress of Soviet settlement in Karelian Isthmus, which was acquired in the treaty with Finland; South

After the return of the Civil Administration to Hong Kong, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, announced that H.M. Government had decided to grant the inhabitants of Hong Kong a greater measure of self-government. There was much satisfaction over the subsequent broadcast of His Excellency on Aug. 28 and as a result, all sections of the community took a keen interest in the question and freely expressed their views.

In the Lam Ma Village, New Territories, a practical experiment in self-government has already come into being. The experiment is being conducted under the supervision and direction of the District Officer.

Several of the nearby villages have elected well-educated and public spirited citizens to implement the schemes for self-government.

All arms which were previously used for the protection of the villages have been handed over to the person elected in order that necessary action might be taken for the protection of the villages.

At the moment, the place has become a happy centre of self-government.

His Excellency, the Governor has paid a visit to the district and, in expressing pleasure over the efforts of the villagers, voiced the hope that the scheme would prove to be a lasting success.

The village of Lam Ma was selected for a practical experiment in self-government in con-

sequence of the inhabitants becoming dissatisfied with the manner in which a certain Ration Depot was handling the distribution of foodstuffs. The result was that the people were afforded an opportunity of expressing their views and of selecting another depot of their own choice to handle distribution of foodstuffs in an equitable manner.

Gradually, from this small beginning, the scope of the scheme became enlarged. A body of men have been elected by the villagers to further the objects of self-government.

The relevant authority has issued the following report on the subject:

"There was much enthusiasm shown by the people of Lam Ma Village over the election. The election was brought about in consequence of dissatisfaction over a Ration Depot.

"The District Officer notified all village folk regarding the system of voting at the election, which was fixed for Dec. 19.

Kal Fong's "The Village elders stated that it was not necessary to ask for the views of the people. The system of election was that the Village elders should elect the Kal Fong, which body was to comprise three persons, one of whom was to be Chairman.

"The District Officer was of the opinion that any resident of the district above the age of 21 years should have power to vote. In the absence of the person entitled to vote, his wife would be allowed to vote in his stead. The Village elders were not in favour of the scheme, but as the people were unanimous in their approval of the suggestion put forward by the District Officer, it was accepted.

"At noon on Dec. 19, the election was held at Yung Shu Wan when a large number of votes was registered."

Boom Year For Embezzlers

New York, Dec. 29. This has been a boom year for embezzlers in the United States. They have walked off with \$100,000,000—more than \$250,000 a day.

The reason, according to the experts: Big Business is so busy making money that it has little time to watch its pockets.

Mr. Kenneth Wood, an official of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, said: "Embezzlers are never professional crooks, and they usually steal with the purest of motives. They are only the nicest people."

Mr. Wood has been chasing them for 32 years. This is his description of the "average embezzler."

"About 35 years old. Married, with two children. He is brighter than the average worker and he

Preferred Wife To Be Dressed

Liverpool, Dec. 28. A young wife whose husband told her he found her attractive when dressed in the daytime was granted a decree of nullity at Liverpool Assizes.

Mrs. Lucy Hall, 24, of Grange Mount, Birkenhead, was granted a decree of nullity from her husband, Marshall Hall, 23, of Shelbourne-road, Bolton, on the grounds of incapacity.

Mr. Justice Byrne said he had to decide whether the husband was right when he said there was reasonable cause owing to his state of health and that his wife had agreed there would be no consummation until his health improved.

During seven or eight days leave he spent with his wife in April, 1945, the husband was cold towards his wife.

He gave as his reason that in his previous month he had seen her with another man. He did not allege that he had seen

Wife's Admission

The Judge did not believe there was an agreement on non-consummation, for, in November, 1944, Hall wrote to his wife: "My life with you is, to my way of thinking, the nicest way of living. It's going to take years for you to get to know me fundamentally."

When his wife questioned him about the non-consummation he said he thought she was more attractive during the day when she was dressed.

Mrs. Hall had admitted she had formed an association with a man named Taylor, that she was in love with him and wished to marry him.

Fascinated By Accent Of P.O.W.s.

Birmingham, Dec. 29.

"There was a fascination in the accents of the prisoners and I cannot really explain why I carried on," a woman of forty told police who questioned her about her friendship with German prisoners of war.

The woman, Mrs. Gladys M. Nickless, of Red Lion-street, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, was fined £10 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court for conveying articles to prisoners likely to help them to escape.

On the same charge a girl of seventeen, Betty Jean Sheldon, of Beakes Hill-road, King's Norton, Birmingham, and a third woman, Mrs. Elsa Marion Warr, 26, of Livingstone-road, King's Heath, Birmingham, were fined £6 and £3 respectively.

Mrs. Warr, however, was fined another £100 for harbouring in her house an escaped German prisoner, Ernst Gehrke, who was eventually recaptured in a boat in the Channel near Dover last September.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, said the women had been associating with prisoners who had worked near Mrs. Warr's former home.

The matter came to light because Miss Sheldon's father had complained about a German prisoner calling on her.

Mrs. Warr had told the police that she had not helped Gehrke to escape, but had only helped a French girl, Micheline Rago, because she was fond of her.

Gehrke's lover, said Mr. Pugh, was Gehrke's lover. She had come to Britain from France with a passport which was in order and was now back in Paris.

Micheline and Gehrke had both stayed in Mrs. Warr's house.

Of Mrs. Nickless, Mr. Pugh said: "Her hair has turned grey, she says she has lost a stone in weight, and her relations with her husband have been gravely impaired."

Miss Sheldon had told the police that after her father had objected to her association she had burned over 100 "very sentimental" letters from another German prisoner, Karl Kruse.

She added: "I have no intention of seeing Karl again. I have taken up with an English boy and realise how foolish I was to have taken up with the German."

Inspector Lowe, of the Birmingham C.I.D., said that Mrs. Warr was now divorced.

Mrs. Nickless had two children, one of whom was in the Marine Commandos.

TSUYEE PEI IN CANTON

Canton, Dec. 29. Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Governor of the Central Bank of China, accompanied by Mr. Cyril Rogers, British Financial adviser to the Chinese Government and 13 financial experts, arrived here by train from Hong Kong this afternoon.

The party will remain here for two days to hold discussions with Canton's leading financial and businessmen before returning to Shanghai on New Year's Eve.—Central News.

"There Is A Limit To Patience"

Batavia, Dec. 29. General Soedirman, commander-in-chief of the Indonesian Republican army, accused the Dutch forces today of jeopardizing "the sovereignty and independence" of the East Indies and said "the time has come for the Indonesians to show their power."

In the most outspoken military statement since the recent withdrawal of the British troops, Soedirman said in a radio address that there was "a limit to the patience and tolerance of the Indonesian people."

His speech was made after a conference with President Soekarno.

Soedirman said the recent truce with the Dutch pending negotiations of an agreement recognizing the republic was "by no means an order to cease our struggle for independence."

He urged revival of the fighting spirit among Indonesians to meet the "quality" of the Dutch forces and asked his followers to send arms and supplies to the fighting fronts.

A Dutch army spokesman said the Netherlands troops had participated only in defensive actions since the truce of Oct. 15 and declared that Indonesian infiltration past the limits set by the truce was responsible for the recent clashes.

The spokesman added that 10 shooting incidents had been reported Dec. 26 from Bandoeng and Soerabaya fronts alone.—Associated Press.

Misrule In Iran

London, Dec. 28. Teheran radio today broadcast a joint statement by the editors of leading Teheran newspapers calling on the Iranian Government to open an investigation into the activities of the Tudeh (Democratic) Party in the north.

The statement said the Tudeh Party was active in the Caspian Sea and the Elburz mountains. The editors, who have been on a week's visit of inquiry in the provinces, asserted that "members of the Tudeh Party maintained a form of autonomy in Mazandaran, which enabled them to concentrate in their hands the entire economy of the province."

They alleged that "murders, rape and criminal assaults were committed by Tudeh Party members and their satellites" and suggested that the Iranian Government set up a special tribunal for the punishment of offenders.—Reuter.

International Brains Trust

Paris, Dec. 28. Representatives of Switzerland, Belgium, Britain and France will speak in an international Brains Trust on New Year's Eve, in which one question will be: "Shall we preserve the peace in 1947?"

The debate has been organised by Radio Diffusion Française, centralised through the Paris radio studio and using radiophonic cables.

The debate is described as "an unprecedented technical feat"—Reuter.

Government Interference in the Freedom of the Press

Baghdad, Dec. 28. Government interference in the freedom of the present Iraq election campaign was alleged today by Mohammed Haidi, Minister of Supply, and Ali Muzmil, Minister of Communications, and Works when they resigned from the coalition Cabinet of General Nuri es-Said Pasha. Their resignation had not yet been accepted.—Reuter.

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Peace Moves?

Paris, Dec. 29.

The French High Command reports that their way into the strategic rail junction of Phu Lang Thung, 30 miles northeast of Hanoi, against dividing Viet Nam resistance. The French Press Agency, meanwhile, reported peace moves by the Viet Nam Government but confirmation of the report was uncertain.

The Saigon communique said two Viet Nam attacks in Hanoi were repulsed. It reported a fluid situation with Viet Nam resistance easing up in some sectors but stiffening in others.

The French Command said reinforcements moved up from Bac Ninh on the road between Hanoi and Phu Lang Thung to the latter town, from which Viet Nam forces retired.

Whether they were yielding the entire town was uncertain.

The communique said an unspecified number of Dominican Brothers and other French missionaries who had been caught in Phu Lang Thung by hostilities were missing.—United Press.

At the last meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong to be held this year, Major C. W. L. Way has organized a musical programme for the entertainment of Rotarians and their guests. The programme, "Musical Way," will be supported by the Gloucester Hotel Orchestra and will include a surprise item. The meeting will be held tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. at the Gloucester Hotel.

RADIO

MONDAY, DEC. 30, 1946

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 846 kilocycles and from 12.50 to 1.15 p.m., 6.30 to 7.50 p.m., and 9.10 to 11 p.m. also on 9.52 megacycles.

R.R.T.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.50 p.m.—Variety.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.45 p.m.—Piano Duets: Rawles and Landauer.

1.50 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

7.00 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

7.45 p.m.—Dorland, Peters, "Cavities of Song."

7.50 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like"—Bill Allen.

8.00 p.m.—"Staircase Time."

8.15 p.m.—Charles, Diana at the Piano.

8.30 p.m.—"Old Time Variety."

8.40 p.m.—London Relay: News.

8.45 p.m.—Philadelphia Relay: News.

8.50 p.m.—London Relay: "Navy Night."

9.00 p.m.—"Something for Everybody" Music for All Talents.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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ALLEGED RAPE OF GIRL BY TWO U.S. MARINES

Death Of Old Macao Resident

Macao, Dec. 27. The death occurred here on Wednesday of Francisco Xavier Anacleto da Silva after a long illness.

Of a well-known local family, Mr. da Silva was for many years an "elected chairman" of the Municipal Council, when that position was filled by popular will instead of by a single Government bill. His democratic personality earned him a seat in the Portuguese Parliament where as the Macao Representative, he fought for the betterment of conditions for the local boy. When the education of the local boy was at stake by an impending curtailment of the curriculum, he successfully opposed the measure. He was also a noted Roman Catholic and was commended by Pius X.

A resident of Hong Kong for a number of years, he was a member of the Hong Kong Share-brokers' Association.

He leaves a widow and children undergoing education in Portugal. —Our Own Correspondent.

"Portal To Portal" Suit

Philadelphia, Dec. 29. The United Steel Workers of America (CIO) filed the largest "portal to portal" suit yet entered—\$200,000,000 back pay—against the Bethlehem Steel Company and its parent firm, Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The demand, which is on behalf of 20 local unions with 13,000 members, may reach the \$500,000,000 mark when 27,000 other union members join the suit.—United Press.

LOST CARGO FOUND

Manila, Dec. 29. Several thousand tons of incoming cargo considered to have been pilfered months ago was found by custom inspectors clearing out Manila's piers for the expected arrival of a flood of freight from the United States and Europe during the next fortnight.

Thirty ships with 120,000 tons of cargo are expected to enter the harbour the next two weeks. But the pier congestion will be greatly lessened compared with earlier this year, according to Customs Collector Alfredo de Leon who said 50,000 tons of sheltered cargo storage space is now available.—Associated Press.

TREASURE TROVE?

San Francisco, Dec. 28. Two Australians have purchased rights to a blasted Japanese defence post at Lae, in New Guinea, for four dollars and hope to find medical equipment worth \$40,000. Radio Australia reported today.

They are also expected to find some 3,000 dead Japanese, as the defence post was blasted shut by the Australians during the fighting. Numerous Japanese were believed to have been trapped in the subterranean caverns.—United Press.

Fell In Love With His Half-Sister

London, Dec. 28. The announcement that a soldier was planning to marry a girl to whom he had proposed was offered to Mr. Justice Hilbery at Stafford. Asizes in proof of his intention to end a disastrous association.

The judge was told that affection which had been entertained by the man, 29-year-old William Henry Davies, for his half-sister was ended.

He hoped on demobilization to marry the other woman, Miss Kathleen Smith, of Wolverhampton, for whom he had bought a ring. It was not until he was told that his half-sister was "prepared to recommit" in the Army. He did not wish to see his home again. He was a soldier, and his half-sister, Mary Florence Beards, aged 23, a capable operator, both belonging to Wolverhampton, listened to the recital of a strange love-story. Davies said he was "in love" with his half-sister to the point of obsession.

Mr. E. Terrell, prosecuting, explained that the two people had the same mother. Davies was born out of wedlock in 1917, and later his mother married John Edward Beards. Mary Florence Beards was born in lawful wedlock in 1923.

Davies went to live with his half-sister, and later his mother, Mrs. Beards, and his half-sister, Mary Florence Beards, were accommodated in an institution and in Wolverhampton Cottage Homes.

Kissing

Mr. Terrell told how a police officer went to Philip Street, Wolverhampton, to arrest Davies on a charge of being a deserter, and found him and his half-sister kissing. Davies was "in love" with his half-sister, and later his mother, Mrs. Beards, and his half-sister, Mary Florence Beards, were accommodated in an institution and in Wolverhampton Cottage Homes.

The United States Marine Headquarters here issued the first statement regarding the alleged rape incident on Christmas Eve in which it disclosed that the second Marine involved had been arrested by MPs.

The United Press was reliably informed that the second Marine was identified last night and was immediately jailed by the Marine Police. It was also learned that he testified that the girl was known to both of them and they escorted her to the Peking Hotel from a YMCA Christmas Eve party and denied that they escorted her as she left the Pavilion Cinema.

The arrest followed a three days search in which a score of leather-thefts were questioned.

The headquarters announced that "when a combined statement prepared from evidence produced by joint investigation has been completed, appropriate action will be taken without delay."

Meanwhile, students of the Peking University here exploiting the alleged rape attempt launched an anti-American campaign today demanding United States armed forces to quit China.

Carrying more than 20 placards with such phrases as "American Forces Must Leave China" and "Protect Our Girls" (the girl involved is a college student) the majority of the University's 3,000 students staged a mass demonstration and voted a nine-point resolution demanding:

1. A protest must be made to United States authorities regarding the incident;
2. The Marines involved must be given a public trial;
3. Marine authorities must make public apology;
4. The Marines must give guarantees to prevent recurrence of such incidents;
5. A due indemnity must be paid to the girl;
6. American armed forces must withdraw as soon as possible from China;
7. All schools and universities in north China should participate in a general protest against the incident;
8. Chinese women's clubs and organizations should join the campaign against continuance of United States forces in China;
9. The Government should issue a statement regarding its stand.—United Press.

JOHN COLTON DEAD

Gainsville, Texas, Dec. 29. John Colton, 60, author of "Rain," "Shanghai Gestures" and other plays died today after a long illness.

Two of his surviving brothers, George, Jr., and Harvey, are specialists in shipping on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in Tokyo.

Colton was born in Minneapolis but spent his boyhood in Japan.—Associated Press.

Lived Alone

Mr. E. B. Gibbons, for Mary Florence Beards, stated that she had lived alone since the death of her mother. The first time she and her brother were under the same roof was when they came on leave together—Davies from Burma and his half-sister from the A.T.B.

"The relationship between them was never a close, confidential one," said Mr. Gibbons. "When they met, they fell in love with him. He loved her as a woman, and she loved him as a soldier who did what he was told."

The announcement that Davies' affection for his half-sister had ended and he hoped to marry Miss Smith was made after the judge had ordered his return to the cells for a consultation with his barrister.

Sentencing Davies to six months' imprisonment, the judge took into account that he had been in prison for four months, and his understanding nature to go back to his half-sister again.

Mrs. Florence Beards was found over her two years. She had the last letter from her brother, and had been all his life to make them.

Fags No Longer Currency

Berlin, Dec. 28. Strong protests from Britain, backed by France and Russia, have led to a ban on the use of cigarettes as "currency" in the legal barter market set up in the American sector of Berlin as from Jan. 15.

The three powers had protested that the United States was violating one of the main clauses of the Potsdam agreement, by permitting the use of cigarettes, which are in short supply in other zones, to win the favour of Germans.

The Potsdam agreement stipulates equal treatment of Germans by all occupying powers.

They argued that by converting its abundant cigarettes into legal tender, the United States had placed the whole nation on a cigarette economy.—Reuter.

WRIT OF INJUNCTION

Manila, Dec. 29. A local court today granted a writ of injunction, restraining the Secretary of Finance from enforcing an order which would effectively bar more than 1,000 Chinese stall holders from places in city markets.

The judge required \$50,000 bond from Chinese petitioners for the injunction who declared the Secretary's order declaring all stalls vacant Jan. 1 was unconstitutional and violated international law.—Associated Press.

Grandpop Fell For Bobby-Soxer?

Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 28. Infatuation for a "bobby-soxer" who had married a man 32 years her senior when she was 13 led a 62-year-old grandfather to burn his wife to death, the prosecution alleged in a murder trial here.

The girl, Bobby Ann Keith, now 16, had been housekeeper to the wife, a semi-invalid.

Dwight O. Carman, the grandfather, found guilty of the murder, was sentenced on the jury's recommendation to 25 years' hard labour.

Speaking of Bobby Keith, the prosecutor said: "She is one of the kind you read about in history—who cause men to die and then laugh about it."

The girl had been employed as housekeeper to Carman's ailing wife Melissa, who had 13 grandchildren.

Bobby Keith, whose marriage to a man 32 years older than herself had been annulled, gave evidence that she and Carman had been on intimate terms.

"Locked Wife In Stable"

The two had visited Jacksonville, Florida, Detroit, and other places, and it was stated that Carman had served a sentence of 90 days in Florida on a morals charge brought against him by the girl's father.

Bobby Keith stated that she spent the night of Aug. 21 in a tourist camp with Carman, who confessed that he intended to "get rid" of his wife. "I'll probably burn up a few houses," he told her when she asked him about two five-gallon petrol cans in the car. "When a fire broke out, said prosecuting counsel, Carman, cautiously stood by as his wife perished in the flames."

A woman who was in the house at the time gave evidence that he walked out to the car carrying a suitcase and saying "there was nothing he could do."

Carman's intention to marry the girl was revealed when love letters which had passed between the two were read. "They were just a game to see who could write the best one," Carman explained.

His five children said in evidence that he had locked their mother in a stable when he went out with the girl.

"This thing just slipped up on me," said Carman, who took the verdict calmly. He seemed uninterested to learn that his defending counsel is to prepare a motion for a new trial.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, 31st December, 1946, at NOON for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, and for the period 1st January, 1947 to 31st December, 1946.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. D. LAUZ, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Dec. 1946.

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The Register of Members was lost or destroyed during the Japanese occupation of the Colony. In order to reconstruct the Register and to protect the interests of shareholders, the Company as soon as possible with the information called for in a circular dated 27th December 1946 sent by post to all shareholders whose names appeared on the Register at 25th June 1941, the date of the Ordinary General Meeting in 1941.

Any persons beneficially entitled to shares who held certificates not in their own names accompanied by signed instruments of transfer and have lost these during the Japanese occupation of the Colony, and Members or persons who have acquired shares subsequent to the above mentioned date who have not received the circular, are requested to apply for a copy at the office of Messrs. Percy Smith and Company, Chartered Accountants, Windsor House, 12 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, in order that full particulars may be recorded.

D. L. PROPHET, Secretary.

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TAXES & EFFORT

It is well known to students of current economic trends that Britain is at present putting forth a productive effort considerably below the maximum of which it is capable. The frequent appeals by Ministers for higher output testify to the anxiety which the Government themselves feel on this question. Among the causes an important one undoubtedly is the psychological reaction from the strain of war, but another certainly is the lack of incentive due to the penal rates of taxation. At the very moment when there is need of more than ordinary stimulus to effort, taxation is acting as a positive deterrent. Sir Arnold Gridley, the President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, has made this the main point of a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging substantial tax reliefs in next year's Budget. Basing his argument on the assumption that the present level of taxation would approximately suffice to produce a balanced Budget, he puts forward a series of suggested tax reliefs costing up to something like £200,000,000.

Since there is an inevitable time lag between the application of the stimulus and its effect in raising the national income, the proposal necessarily envisages postponement for another year of the restoration of the era of normally balanced Budgets. By 1948, however, if the reasoning is correct, it is anticipated that the new lower level of taxation would have so far stimulated output as to yield enough to bring the Budget into balance. The question therefore is posed whether it is better to achieve an early Budget balance by continuing austerity taxation at the expense of an expanding national income, or to expand the national income at the expense of an early balanced Budget.

From the standpoint of the national well being, including progress towards covering overseas deficit, there can be little doubt that the second is the better policy. The only question is whether the stimulus would be effective in producing the desired result, and this can be assumed as something sufficiently near a certainty to make the experiment worth while. From every point of view, including the Chancellor's, it is better that he should take a smaller slice out of a larger national cake than a large slice out of a small cake. There is also his own contribution to make in the way of pruning the national expenditure. After the recent enormous increases, especially on the social services, all fresh commitments should be postponed until the country is earning and producing the wherewithal to meet them. Spending on a scale which blunts the will to effort merely ends in defeating its own purpose.

Germany's Secrets

London, Dec. 28. Additional arrangements for the exchange of German technical information required by the United States and Britain since VE-Day, were jointly announced today by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, and the United States Secretary for Commerce, Mr. W. A. Harrison.

The arrangements are complementary to those already in force whereby reports on German industry and technical developments prepared by British and American investigators respectively, are made available to industrialists in both countries.

Hundreds of thousands of important German scientific and technical data, books and documents have been uncovered by British and American investigators in their respective zones and microfilm copies have been made.

Hitherto the exchange of documents between the two nations has been imperfect, but under the present agreement, representatives of each nation will be able to select from each other's storehouse of reports, items which it finds valuable. Copies will be obtained on an exchange basis.

Bombay, Dec. 28. Three were stabbed to death and nine injured in communal disturbances in Bombay today. Two were also burned by acid throwing. —Reuter.

WHAT THE WORLD WAS COMING TO...

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the rich anarchist.

"Nor do I," said the other rich anarchist.

"You can't do a single thing you want to do without going cap-in hand to some miserable little Government official."

"And what a Government, too."

"Look at the plans for my little place in the country. I've cut the bedrooms down from 14 to 12 and still I can't get a building licence. What am I to do?"

"Go into the black market, I suppose."

"There you are. That's how the Government demoralises you when you want to be honest. Controls make criminals of us all."

"Decent men driven to bribery and corruption."

"You can't even get a seven-course dinner unless you bribe somebody."

"My wife hands the grocer £5 a week."

"Yet they give more meat to the miners."

"Which is only another bribe to make them work."

"That's the trouble today. Nobody wants to work."

"All the working classes want now is something for nothing."

"And houses built for them."

"And to be pampered in their old age."

I wonder what they'd say if I took profits from my company and didn't even ring up my secretary every morning?"

"I wonder how they'd like it if we went on strike?"

"After all, people like us GIVE something to the world."

"And all we get are controls."

"Rather than have this Government, I'd have no Government at all."

"Without a Government you could at least do as you like."

"Eat what you like, wear what you like, and build what you like."

"And let those who can't afford it go without."

"It's their own fault if they can't afford it."

"They don't want to work."

"If I can't make as much as I like and do what I like with it I shall give up work myself."

"So shall I. And live on my capital."

"After all, if you can't build a little place in the country with only 12 bedrooms and with your own money, what can you do?"

"And if you can't get a seven-course dinner without bribery?"

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the rich anarchist.

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At that moment the super atomic bomb fell. The earth rocked, the heavens swayed, and a white-hot tempest, shrilled through to ashes and the whole world with them.

Social

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the ancient bishop. "I really don't."

"Nor do I," said the other ancient bishop. "It's all rather dreadful."

"So far as young people are concerned, moral values simply do not exist."

"It was much the same after the 1914-18 war, only not quite so bad."

"Most people seem to think that war is an excuse for bad behavior, for the relaxation of moral discipline, for despising virtue and for self-indulgence. I don't think we behaved very badly during or after the South African War."

"No, we did not. Except for Mafeking night, which was an excusable demonstration of joy and relief among anxious civilians, we behaved very well indeed, though some of the lower orders became rather intoxicated."

"I heard that even the dear Queen took a glass of sherry that night."

"I believe she did. God bless her."

"And, although I was only a curate at the time, I distinctly remember having a glass of claret cup with my mother. It was most enjoyable."

"I'm sure it was. And very proper, too, on such an occasion—especially with your mother. I drank a pint of porter myself with a cabman."

"A pint? With a cabman?"

"Really?"

"I could see no harm in it, although I was a young curate, not soon forget."

too. Besides, London was very gay at the time—and we are all equal in the sight of God, are we not?"

"Of course, of course."

"And he was a very civil fellow. Very civil and most respectful."

"That's the trouble with the world today. No respect for the cloth."

"You're quite right, my dear bishop. That's the root of the whole trouble. Of course, one realises that recent wars have had more effect on people than the South African War, when there were no hardships for anybody, but the gallant fellows at the front. But hardship is no excuse for cynicism."

"Certainly not. Past experience has shown that the greater the hardships the more people turn to religion. The greater the suffering, the greater the need for spiritual consolation."

"But instead of turning to religion they now turn to politics. They vote Socialist because they believe it to be practical Christianity."

"They do not believe the Church will help them any more. They put their trust in politicians."

"Only the other day a young fellow said to me, 'If we don't like the Government we can turn it out; but if we don't like you, we can't do anything about it.'"

"What do they want? A general election for the clergy?"

"Marriage vows mean nothing to them any more. Chastity is as rare as rubies."

"Rarer, in fact. Only last week I bought my dear wife a ruby brooch smuggled in from Switzerland."

"Their leisure hours are spent in drinking and dancing."

"Or going to the cinema or the theatre."

"Juvenile crime is on the increase."

"There is no respect for parents."

"The churches are less than half full."

"There is no morality anywhere."

"Really," said the ancient bishop, "I don't know what the world is coming to."

"Nor do I," said the other ancient bishop.

At that moment 10,000 aircraft flew over, raining a ghastly dew of gamma rays which withered the two bishops and the whole world, leaving nothing but withered tress, sighing in the last winds of heaven.

Domestic

"I don't know what the world's coming to," said the sulky matron. "I really don't."

"Nor do I," said the other sulky matron.

"My last pair of nylons laid."

At that moment a little old woman with a foreign accent opened a bag of germs in a quiet country lane and within a week the two sulky matrons and every living thing in the world were dead.

The King rises early, every morning and spends hours reading and writing. He works in his bedroom, receives callers in the only drawing room in the house. On the small desk were piles of handwritten manuscripts but when he replied "notes, only notes—nothing but notes."

The King receives hundreds of callers.

"We have never had a single audience in which we refused an audience or regretted it," General Marquis Carlo Graziani, chief of the Royal Household, told me. Most of the callers are Portuguese and Italian residents of Portugal.

Like the King, the Queen is an early riser. She likes to talk to the tradesmen who come to sell fruit, fat and meat, and to the Portuguese cooks.

After breakfast the children start their lessons. They are Princess Maria Pia, 12, the nine-year-old Prince of Naples, and "Victorio" or "Toto" by his family; six-year-old "Ella," Maria Gabriela; and three-year-old Maria Beatriz, or "Titi."

They are all studying languages, and their English teacher, Miss Alice Smith, proudly proclaims, "I saw them all arriving," no wonder I love them."

A Portuguese instructor is teaching them swimming and gymnastics and they hope to resume their horseback riding lessons shortly.

The family is popular with the local peasants, some of the older Londoners' environs have become open-air museums. The Queen Mother, of Portugal, Queen Maria Pia, who was Umberto's grandmother, has some relatives among the Portuguese aristocracy.

In the midst of densely populated England's severe housing shortage, acute after six years of war and blitz devastation, at least 100 empty mansions in real estate white elephants.

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Tomorrow's Problem

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"How does she sound now, Doc? I've quit worryin' even about how I'm gonna pay your bill!"

Life Of An Ex-King In Exile

(By Louis C. Lupi)

In the Quinta da Boa Vista, a small and not very comfortable villa, almost hidden in the woods of Colares, a fertile region of Portugal famed for its wines, King Umberto of Italy now lives with his family in forced retirement.

The house has some pleasant antiques—but there is no heating, no elevators, no rugs on the old tiled floors. It is a cold place, but it fulfilled the desire expressed when the Italian exiles arrived in Portugal in June—that they wanted to live "in peace" to get used to the conditions of exile.

They have made this their home where they live happily enough with a few intimates and a small household.

Their life is almost incredibly simple after the pomp and circumstance of former days.

Boa Vista, placed at their disposal by the Duchess of Cadaval, has beautiful gardens which have proved a delight for the royal children.

The Queen, who loves music, played Debussy's "La Cathédrale Engloutie" for me on her small piano. She has already met some of Portugal's leading artists and musicians. She is also reading Portuguese history, grammar and folklore.

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These once proud homes range from palaces with 50 bedrooms that cost up to several hundred thousand dollars down to smaller showplaces of only 20 rooms or so priced around \$50,000.

Real estate dealers say that they have scores of these properties listed on their books. There are no sales because no one is able to afford the use of them as residences.

"The larger houses would need stacks of anything up to 100 servants or more to run them properly," they said.

"Some of them have been empty so long that they would need extensive major repairs costing thousands."

"Others were badly damaged during the war by Armed Service personnel which took them over for temporary wartime headquarters."

"Most owners hope," the real estate men say, "that when building materials and labour for repair are available, they will be used for schools, hospitals, hotels, headquarters for business and industrial concerns, or by civic organisations as community centres."

Most of these mansions are historic period houses once occupied by Britain's leading families. One is an 18th Century house of 40 rooms, set in 20 acres of park land with a private lake, paddocks, and stables.

Some of the homes are hidden deep in the countryside, surrounded by parks and trees. Others are found two or three miles from highways, down narrow winding lanes. One huge Georgian country seat has been empty for 10 years.

"Owners of this type of property," says one agent, "see some hope in Britain's plan for satellite towns. If industry is dispersed, it is quite possible some of these mansions may be used as headquarters of the larger business concerns."

Frankfurt, Dec. 28. Former political, economic and military leaders of the now greatest military dictatorship who were paroled this week by USPT headquarters will be protected by the American Army from German de-Nazification proceedings.

They are members of the German General Staff, the Reich Cabinet and Storm Troopers, organisations judged "not to be criminal" by the Nuremberg military tribunal.

Theoretically, an USPT informant official explained, these paroled—who a few years ago controlled almost half of the world—are still prisoners of the Americans although they may move about at will.

The German de-Nazification law did not take cognizance of the Nuremberg verdict which acquitted the groups as criminal.

USPT and Military Government headquarters in Berlin are studying a proposal which will call for a change in the de-Nazification law completely exonerating these three groups under German law.

United Press.

New York, Dec. 28. Max Warburg, 79, former prominent Hamburg International banker, died today. He was active in economic and political affairs in pre-Hitler Germany. —United Press.



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LIKE A BATTLEFIELD Tragic Scenes After Air Crash Graphic Stories Of Disaster

Shannon Airport, Dec. 28.
Amid scenes reminiscent of a battlefield Irish Army emergency crews tonight drove away in lorries the bodies of twelve people—mostly French or American—killed when the Paris-New York Constellation airliner "Star of Cairo" crashed on a lonely island in Fergus Island near this airport.

All day rescue squads toiled knee deep in treacherous bog mud to extricate the dead and injured passengers and the crew of the airliner, totalling 23, which exploded with a blinding flash before bursting into flames on the island early today.

The airport doctor, James O'Boyle, who lost his shoes in the mud, treated the injured as they lay where the explosion had flung them before they could be removed to hospital.

Local boatmen brought from their beds ferried the victims in flat bottomed vessels to the mainland where they were carried across a further stretch of marshland to ambulances and lorries.

One of the first on the scene, Michael Donnellan, servant boy at a nearby farm, tonight told a graphic story of the early hours after the crash. "After a great explosion," he said, "I ran to the scene, scrambling across mud and through the river. I was horrified when I fell over a dead man who had been blown 75 yards from the wreckage. I was making in the direction from which the cries of a baby had been coming, when I fell over several injured people who were moaning."

Blown Clean Out

Donnellan said that he found the four and a half months old baby, Charles Delaby, nestled in the rushes by the riverside. The baby had been blown clean out of the aircraft.

"As I got to it, an air hostess, Catherine Ferguson, herself injured, took the baby in her arms. Still clutching it, she attempted to attend to the injured," he added.

One of the dead was a young woman whose pink coat was bloodstained.

An air expert said tonight: "It would appear that those who had their safety belts tied were the ones who were lacerated from the hips."

Air hostess Ferguson was the first survivor to reach Shannon airport. She still had baby Delaby in her arms. He had a broken thigh, his face was covered in mud, but is expected to survive.

Herself covered in mud and suffering from shock and abrasions, Ferguson said: "We had just told the passengers to fasten their safety belts and prepare for landing when the crash occurred. That is the last I remember until I got out of the aircraft. The last thing I was there was how the baby was."

Blinding Flash

Mrs. Delaby, who received burns and injuries to her lower limbs, was flying to join her United States soldier husband in New York.

Night workers at the airport said that the explosion "shook the very foundations of the airport buildings and occurred simultaneously with a great blinding flash, which rose in red flames to a height of several hundred feet."

The injured were taken to St. John's Hospital and Barrington Hospital in Limerick and to Clare County Hospital, Ennis.

Trans-world Airways at Shannon gave the following details of the nine passengers who were killed:

Francis Sialbert, French, music publisher and composer, 21 Avenue D'Enn, Paris; Marie Zelaznagora, French, of New York, mother of a 12-year-old boy who survived; Maurice Simon, Picard,

French, of Flushing, New York; Lucienne Simone Clerc, French; Pierre Dreyfus, French, New York; and Koesel, Polish, merchant of New York; and three Americans, Alan Charles Lanyon, Washington; Clementine Jeanne Pugh, Philadelphia; and Alexander Pekelis, New York.

Those of the crew who were killed were: Navigator Robert Osterburg; Flight-Engineer Walter McBride of Alexandria, Virginia; and Radio-operator Herbert Burmeister of Washington.

Inquiry Ordered

The injured are: Passengers; Gunther Lubinski, French, engineer of Paris, Jean Claude Zelaznagora, 12-year-old French boy, Davis Staunbaum, American, of New York, Charles Bruce Delaby and his mother, Edith Augustine Delaby; Crew: Radio-officer Dudley Hill, Captain Herbert Tansey (pilot), Flight-superintendent William Teale of Washington, Flight-officer Clifford Sparrow, Joseph Logan of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Air-hostess Catherine Ferguson of New York.

A report from Washington tonight said that the United States Civil Aeronautical Administration has ordered an immediate investigation into today's crash. The chief safety officer at the administration's London office has been ordered to the scene of the crash to make preliminary reports.

Officials here declined to discuss the question of whether the crash might lead to further grounding of Constellations as happened last July when a Constellation blew up in midair with the loss of five lives. The C.A.A. then ordered all Constellations to be grounded—and British Overseas Airways followed suit—pending an enquiry. Two weeks later certificates of airworthiness were issued and the planes took to the air again after several major modifications had been made. —Reuter.

Narrow Miss

Shannon, Dec. 28.
An immediate inquiry is underway to determine the cause of the crash.

It was learned that the plane developed difficulties shortly after leaving the airfield in Paris but the nature was not immediately known. The fact that the stewardesses seeing the danger ordered the passengers to fasten their safety belts probably had prevented a higher death toll.

Capt. Herbert Tansey, pilot of the plane, was believed to have tried to bring the plane down on the flat fields adjoining the river. The plane broke apart and exploded when it hit the mud island as it missed reaching the field by little more than 100 yards.

The blast, following the crash, shook Shannon airport, three miles distant. The passengers and crew scattered over a radius of 50 yards. Emergency stretchers were rigged to carry survivors from the wreckage to boats. —United Press.

Another Crash

Michigan City, Indiana, Dec. 28.
An American Airlines plane crash-landed today three miles

DANGER SPOTS

New York, Dec. 28.
The newspaper PM, in a world affairs prediction for 1947 by editorialist Max Warner, asserts there are two danger spots in view for next year. One is in China, with the possibility of protracted civil war and large scale military operations.

The other danger spot is in the settlement of the atomic energy disputes between Russia and the United States, which may persist even after a full disarmament agreement is reached. —United Press.

from here while on its way from Buffalo, New York to Chicago.

First reports indicated that several of the 21 persons on board were injured but it is not yet known if any were killed.

Later, however, a report issued by American Airlines said that the pilot and co-pilot of the plane were killed and the 21 passengers were all detained in hospital.

The aircraft crashed after the pilot had sent a wireless message saying that he was having trouble with both engines of the machine. —Reuter.

POWER CUTS WARNING

Hamburg, Dec. 28.
A warning of possible power cuts in Hamburg industries was given today by Herr Borgner, member of the Hamburg Senate in charge of Economic Affairs. He said the supplies of Hamburg power station will be exhausted within five or six days. They had already had to start digging into their reserves.

Addressing city officials, Herr Borgner said that households must have absolute priority and therefore it might be necessary to make a partial or total power cut in certain industries. —Reuter.

Next Year May Be Golden Year

London, Dec. 28.
If Russia has decided that in the coming year she is to march in friendship and common purpose with Britain and America, 1947 may well take its place in history as one of the golden years, declares an editorial in today's Sunday Express.

"Soviet Russia, after what has seemed to the Western Democracies long hesitation and often inexplicable obduracy, is moving into step with us down the long road to peace and a world restored, re-energised and sane," the editorial says.

Recalling that a month ago the New York Foreign Ministers meeting was deadlocked, the editorial says: "Suddenly, in a matter of hours, the Russian attitude changed. A spirit of friendliness and co-operation was born. Within days, the conference that seemed doomed to failure was able to conclude the five peace treaties with Germany's former satellite states and to fix Moscow as the place for its next meeting in March to tackle the all important problem of Germany's future."

"Who made that tremendous change possible? M. Vyshinsky has revealed that it was Marshal Stalin who directed the delegation's every move. The change of policy which means so much for the future of men was his."

"And what follows it? An invitation to Field Marshal Montgomery to visit Russia and study the Red Army, around which so much mischievous mystery has developed."

"Further there are also clear signs that Stalin does not intend the Moscow conference to end in failure. Closer co-operation in Germany is already developing. Russia is now showing an inclination to meet the views of the Western Allies who shared victory with her and with her must also shape the future."

"It is the hope of all of us

that these signs and portents will grow as the New Year ahead of us moves to maturity." —Reuter.

Moslem Action In Punjab

Calcutta, Dec. 28.
The Moslem League is planning to set up a "parallel Government" in the Punjab, the newspaper "Statesman" reported today.

The Punjab is regarded by the League as the "centre-piece of Pakistan" (separate Moslem state in India) and is governed at present by a coalition ministry headed by the Unionist Party leader, Sir Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana. The Congress Party is represented in the coalition and the Moslem League, the largest single party in the Assembly, is in opposition.

The Statesman said: "A public treasury will be set up to finance the national building programme of this Government" and funds would be raised by taxes and levies.

Among the "proposed sources of revenue" are: direct contribution of one day's earnings once a year by Moslem holding salaried jobs in the Punjab.

Secondly, a levy on the sale of bills of Moslem commercial concerns and payment of ten per cent of their monthly allowance by Moslem League members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

The names of the people who pay these levies are to be published in a "special roll of honour", the report added. —Reuter.

Food Riots In Italy

Rome, Dec. 28.
Food riots spread to the small town of Palmi, in the toe of the Italian boot, as reports reached Rome—crippled by a strike of general strikes called in Cosenza and Paola. Bari, the scene of yesterday's violent demonstrations, was quiet tonight but a group of veterans was reported to have seized an electric power plant at Naples, demanding to be employed.

Today a mob of 2,000 carrying red flags stormed the railway station at Palmi, overcame police and railroad personnel, blocked off the tracks with large boulders and seized a dozen freight cars laden with food for other towns. Three cars loaded with flour were taken to the Palmi communal granaries for equal distribution to the population. —United Press.

Medal For UNRRA

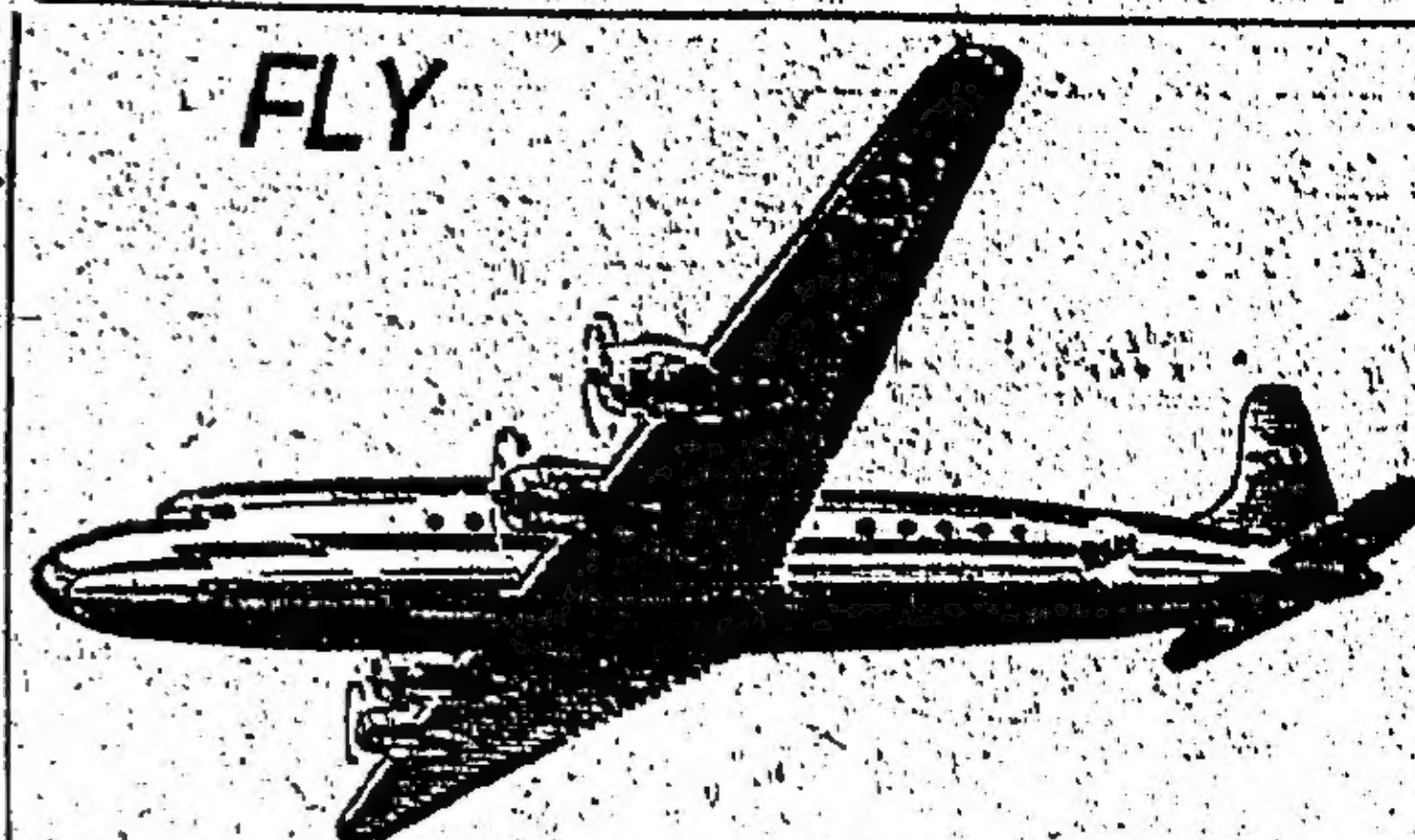
Athens, Dec. 28.
The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Mission 13 Greece was today awarded a silver medal of honour by the Athens Academy at a ceremony attended by King George of the Hellenes, Crown Prince Paul and some Cabinet Ministers.

The diploma, written in ancient Greek, expresses "Greece's gratitude to the United Nations who after liberation saved the Greek people who were threatened by starvation."

Colonel D. E. Wright, chief of UNRRA's anti-malaria programme in Greece, was awarded the same medal for his successful anti-malaria activity here.

UNRRA's programme in this direction has already achieved this year an 80 per cent reduction in malaria. —Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 28.
The Ile de France left Cherbourg yesterday with 8,000 troops and their families bound for Morocco, after which the French liner will return to Toulon for brief repairs before departing for Indo-China with 9,000 soldiers. —Associated Press.



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London, Dec. 28. Eight powers will join in an "international race" to Antarctica in the hope of finding deposits of uranium, coal and possibly gold, which may be hidden under the south polar ice-cap, the Sunday Times correspondent reports from Sydney.

The Australian Government is joining the race, which may develop into the world's last great rush by the major powers to divide the resources of a new continent, the correspondent adds.

Great Britain and the United States, he points out, have already expeditions in the field, and Russia, Argentina, South Africa, Chile and Norway are reported to be planning further expeditions.

The Australian Government has decided to send a naval scientific expedition in the New Year, complete with aircraft for observation and mapping. Long-term scientific observations will be undertaken within 2,500,000 square miles of Australian polar dependency.

"This white, silent wasteland is still almost completely unexplored but scientists have reason to believe that deposits of uranium, coal and, possibly, gold may be hidden under the ice," the correspondent says.

"Well-informed Australian sources tell me that despite any official denials, there is an international race to the South, now of really historic proportions. Thus eight teams of geologists, meteorologists and

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Just An Imperialist Noise?

Moscow, Dec. 28. The magazine "Agitators Companion," which enunciates the Communist Party principles weekly for guidance of party meetings, in an editorial today said that the people of the world will not submit to a new war and said talk of war "is an imperialist noise made in order to frighten populations and wide masses to obtain some concessions in their favour from other states."

The editorial added, "Imperialist efforts to isolate the Soviet Union and surround it by hostile blocs are doomed to failure."

The magazine pointed out that Generalissimo Stalin had given assurance that the danger of a third World War is not at present realistic, and added that Eastern Russia's coal and agricultural machinery, electric and heavy machinery, and textile industries are lagging behind schedules and up to the present, schedules of grain and supplies have not been filled in many regions. — United Press.

36 HOURS IN AIR BUBBLE

Moscow, Dec. 28. Two workers, Boev and Dimichev, lived 36 hours in an air bubble formed by one of the tubes when a dredge captured in a heavy storm near Krasnodar on the Anzhar River.

Diver Andrei Fomenko finally reached the men, helped them into diving helmets and brought them to the surface. — United Press.

polar experts will be operating simultaneously in territory that had been virtually ignored until uranium assumed such tremendous international importance during the war.

It is asked if it is logical that eight world powers should simultaneously develop such interest in south polar meteorology as to organize expensive expeditions there, the correspondent says.

Vitally Important

Authoritative opinion is that the reasons are:

Firstly, uranium's vital importance.

Secondly, development for the first time of scientific methods and instruments that make prospecting feasible.

Thirdly, development of cold-weather mining methods that would permit exploitation of any discoveries.

After saying that apart from minerals Australia is becoming increasingly aware, as are also Britain and the United States, of the value of the Antarctic whaling industry, the correspondent adds that plans are being considered by the Australian Cabinet which would entail the bringing to Australia of trained Scandinavian crews to provide the nucleus of an efficient whaling industry. — Reuter.

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ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28. Sovereigns, buyers 62.00, sellers 63.50; U.S. 425.50, buyers 112.50, sellers 113.50; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers 8.23, sellers 8.27. — Reuter.

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M.R.P. Man Elected

Paris, Dec. 28. The popular Republican Party today had a temporary precarious hold on the leadership of the new French Council of the Republic after the election by a slim margin last night of Auguste Champetier de Ribes as President of the Upper House of the French Legislature. De Ribes paid a protocol visit today on Vincent Auriol, President of the National Assembly. Ribes won the presidency by a margin of five votes over the Communist candidate, Georges Marrane, on the third ballot after the Socialists and Left Republicans withdrew their candidates.

The Socialists backed the Communist while most of the Left Republicans and conservatives backed de Ribes.

Premier Blum addressed the Council after midnight when the election was over. Blum said, "The presence of the elected officials of the Council attests to the fact that in spirit as well as in letter a Parliamentary regime which signifies the Republic has been re-established in France."

Blum told the Council that it would be "neither a rubber stamp nor a chamber of postponement but one of the most efficacious and most useful cogwheels in the fourth republic." — United Press.

TRADE TREATY

London, Dec. 28. A trade agreement has been concluded between Turkey and Finland, under which Finland will supply Turkey with paper, cellulose, pre-fabricated houses, sports goods and chemicals, while Turkey supplies tobacco, citrus, hides, wool, mohair and hemp, Ankara radio reported tonight. — Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Dec. 28. Small but persistent selling caused fractional losses in grains although January wheat displayed resistance on the basis of Government buying. Wheat finished unchanged to 7/8 cents lower, January \$2.11, March \$2.01 1/2, May \$1.91 1/2. Corn 1/4 to 1 cent lower, oats 1/4 to 1 cent lower. — Associated Press.

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CARDIFF'S HAT-TRICK OVER BRISTOL

Good Rugger At Sookunpoo

A large number of Rugger enthusiasts went to Sookunpoo on Saturday afternoon to see an excellent return game between the beaten Commando Brigade and a Rest of the Colony team. Judging the play of both sides it was a perfectly fair result that they should draw five points all, both sides scoring a goal.

The Commandos once again were superior in the line-outs and loose scrums, whereas the Rest of the Colony were more dangerous behind the scrums. On the run of the play the Rest of the Colony were unlucky not to force a win, but this fact remains that they were unable to take advantage of the chances which were presented to them.

Both the sides were "snap" tries on which Downard and Drayton the respective scorers, deserve to be congratulated and although there were occasions when copybook tries looked probable the defence of both teams was able to prevent them.

The first ten minutes of the game were rather scrappy, both scrums halves sending out some wild passes which led to the opposing sides making a lot of ground with the resulting forward rush.

Throughout the game both wing forwards of both teams broke very fast indeed from the scrums and took full advantage of any dropped passes in the threequarters. Stanley made a thrilling run and almost scored for the Commandos, but was tackled just in time by Hutton. The three-quarters were tackling very keenly and neither side was able to do much behind the scrums.

Five minutes after the start of the second half Downard scored a brilliant try for the Rest of the Colony. He kicked ahead from inside his own half the ball bounced awkwardly for the Commando full-back, who was in any case being harried by Downard and the Rest wing forwards, and Downard picked up to score unopposed between the posts. Ingham converted.

The Commandos retaliated with a vigorous forward rush which took the ball inside their opponents' twenty five yard line, when Drayton got the ball on the wing and ran in towards the centre of the field and appeared to get the Rest on the wrong foot, because he was able to score ten yards from the posts. Bussell converted.

Trys Hard
The Rest pressed hard in the last 20 minutes of the game and Downard and Thomson tried hard to force their way through but no side whistle was blown with the score at five all.

Once more the Commandos proved that they have a very fine scrum and it was obvious on Saturday that it would require an outstanding three-quarter line among their opponents to offset the advantage they gain from their forwards.

England is a grand forward as

London, Dec. 28. Cardiff today completed the "hat-trick" of victories over Bristol this season. Cardiff's speed and team-work kept Bristol defensive for long periods during today's game and Bledwyn Williams scored the best try, running half the length of the field—an effort which resulted in his going off injured.

Obtaining better service from scrums and line-outs, Leicester easily beat Rugby. Coventry gained a runaway win over Nuneaton, only Duncan's brilliant full back preventing a heavier Nuneaton defeat. Mishandling by both sides spoiled opportunities in a close match in which Sale defeated Huddersley by two tries to one. Swansea recovered from an early setback to beat London Welsh, who led three-zero at the interval. Swansea's superior stamming turned the scale.

Ken Jones, the Welsh sprint champion, with an individual effort scored the winning try for Newport, closing their game against Newbridge. The fast-moving Llanelly forwards were the deciding factor in their victory over Bath. They constantly harried the Bath backs, and made many openings for their own three-quarters.

The sprinter Cyril Holmes produced two brilliant runs ending in tries for Manchester, but despite his clever play, Birkenhead gained a narrow victory. The Harlequins suffered their fourth successive home defeat and Richmond would have won by a bigger margin with better kicking.

France, who were the more polished combination, should have beaten Wales in the Schoolboys' International at Neath. The first 20 minutes was evenly contested but the French backs gave the Welsh defence a severe testing and deserved the try scored by Grenier, to lead three-zero at half-time.

France missed plenty of opportunities in the second half when J. Tronke equaled with an unconverted try.

The Results

Rugby Union results: Blackheath 10, St. Mary's Hospital 8; Harlequins 9, Richmond 11; Old Cranleighs 3, Pettsian Loretians 3; Old Millhillians 3, Guy's Hospital 3; Wasps 17, Aldershot Service 5; Abertillery 3, Neath 4; Bedford 8, Rosslyn Park 7; Birkenhead Park 16, Manchester 13; Bridgend 11, Taunton 3; Bristol 6, Cardiff 23; Cheltenham 6, Old Edwardians 6; Coventry 32, Nuneaton 6; Cross Keys 6, Riscar 8; Devonport Services 3, Bridgwater Albion 6; Exeter 8, Old Blues 6; Gloucester 21, Universities Athletic Union 14; Leicester 24, Rugby 3; Llanelly 13, Bath 3; Lydney 6, Penarth 17; Moseley 6, Water-co 6; Newport 9, Newbridge 6; Pontypool 16, Aberavon 0; Sale 6, Huddersley 6; Sheffield 0, Halifax 8; Stroud 6, Old Merchant

well as a good leader and he was well supported by Ticehurst. Downard, playing centre quarter for the Rest, showed that he is capable of a dangerous cut through combined with the speed to go with it. In the Colony scrum, Wright, Noth, Graham and Walsley formed an excellent back row.

England is a grand forward as

SOUTH CHINA WIN 6-2

Showing vastly improved form, South China scored a convincing 6-2 victory over Eastern in the Senior Division of the Soccer League on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Eastern started off in grand style and took the lead within five minutes of the start, but were unable to stand the pace and crumpled under the continued onslaughts of the South China attack.

For Eastern, Fok Yiu-wah in the left back berth was outstanding. He was the only defender who offered any real opposition to the South China forwards.

The Eastern forwards showed a fine turn of speed, but they were not given sufficient support by the intermediate line, which had its hands full trying to stem the opposing forwards. Li Hung-ki on the Eastern wing was very fast and sent over some very nice centres.

The Eastern forwards were, however, definitely off form when shooting and in consequence missed many "sitters", when they only had the South China goalies to beat.

In defence and attack, South China delighted their supporters with a sparkling display. In the opening stages of the game, Wong Wah-gay appeared to be somewhat nervous, but he settled down as the game progressed and in the second half brought off some excellent saves.

The South China full backs did not have a really strenuous afternoon, as the half back line, ably led by Leung Wing-chiu, had the measure of the Eastern forwards and did not allow them much leeway.

Forwards Tenacious

The South China forwards were fast and tenacious. They were more than a match for the Eastern defenders, whom they gradually wore down by systematic play. Chan Tak-fai proved to be an able leader and was well supported by his inside men, particularly Chau Man-chi, who worked tirelessly throughout the game. Chu Wing-keung showed himself to be a fine opportunist and made most of the passes which came his way.

Of the two wingers, Lee Shek-yau was the better and his brilliant sprints down the wing culminated in well placed centres were always a source of worry to the Eastern defence.

Winning the toss, South China elected to play with the wind. Following a bout of midfield play, Eastern broke away and Li Ping-chiu, following up a hot drive from Li Hung-ki which Wong Wah-gay failed to hold, netted on the scoring for Eastern.

South China were not upset by this sudden reverse and continued to play their own methodical game. Many scoring chances were missed by inaccurate shooting on the part of the South China forwards, but following a fine sprint down the wing, Lee Shek-yau sent across a fine centre, which Chu Wing-keung met and equalised with a brilliant header which gave Leung, Ting-tong no chance.

Pace Tells

The pace was beginning to tell on the Eastern defence and taking advantage of a mistake, by Kwok So, the right back, Chan Tak-fai broke through and sent in a hard drive to put South China in the lead. A few minutes before half time, Chu Wing-keung again netted.

Resuming with a 2-1 lead, South China immediately took up the offensive and for the greater part of this half had the Eastern penned up in their own half.

After play had been in progress for about ten minutes, Chu Wing-keung found the net again, to complete his "hat-trick". Further goals for South China were scored by Tse Kam-ho and Chu Wing-keung, who rounded off a good afternoon's play by scoring South China's last goal.

With the game set, South China eased up and gave Eastern a chance to attack. South China's lead was reduced when Cheung Chung-kam ran through to score.

Eastern had further opportunities of scoring, but poor shooting deprived them of a chance to further reduce to margin of South China's lead. The final whistle came with Eastern on the attack.

The game was very capably handled by Mr. R. M. Omar.

Teams—

South China: Wong, Wah-gay, Tsang, Chung-wah, Lam, Yiu-chun, Tse, Kam-ho, Lee, Van, Chi, Li, Ping-chiu, Cheung, Chung-kam, Yuen Yiu-lam.

Eastern: Fok Yiu-wah, Lee, Yiu-chun, Tse, Kam-ho, Lee, Van, Chi, Li, Ping-chiu, Cheung, Chung-kam, Yuen Yiu-lam.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

SENIOR DIVISION
South China 6, Eastern 2
South China 6, Eastern 2

League Table

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| South China | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 14 | 20 |
| Sing Tao | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 15 | 22 |
| 42 Commando | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 7 | 14 |
| 48 Commando | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 10 | 13 |
| C.A.S.C. | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 22 | 12 |
| St. Joseph's | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 20 | 10 |
| R.A.F. | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Eastern | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Kowloon | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| H.K. Club | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Travancore | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |

SECOND DIVISION

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| South China | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 14 | 20 |
| Sing Tao | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 15 | 22 |
| 42 Commando | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 7 | 14 |
| 48 Commando | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 10 | 13 |
| C.A.S.C. | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 22 | 12 |
| St. Joseph's | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 20 | 10 |
| R.A.F. | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Eastern | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Kowloon | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| H.K. Club | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |
| Travancore | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 10 |

Fastball

The outcome of yesterday's encounters gave the league standing another shuffle leaving the Reck, Rovers and the Glants tied for first place.

Sherry Bucks pitched a hitless game for the St. Joseph's to humble the Reck by the odd run in three in a very tight game. Tony Alves did well for the losers. He registered a 100 per cent fielding average with five put-outs and five assists.

Another win by a close score was the tussle between the Canadian Champs and the Glants. Making two hits and a run in the first inning, Bill Woo's boys just could not connect another in the remaining six, to lose in a good game.

Giving a creditable display, Chung Wah could not keep up the stanza-by-stanza struggle and went down to the Rovers by 11 runs to 10. Rover Jack Brown again shone at slugging with three hits out of four times at bat, of which one was a four-master.

Down by one in the fourth, Hoistscore scored five in the next to win by 11 runs to eight over the Baseballers.

WOOL PANTIES NOT WANTED

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China's November Imports

Shanghai, Dec. 29. China's total imports for the month of November amounted to CN\$191,727,230,000 in declared value while exports totalled CN\$39,071,738,000 for the same period, it was announced by the Chinese Maritime Customs today.

Compared with October import figures of CN\$202,700,645,000, the total imports during November registered a decrease of CN\$10,973,515,000.

Against October exports of CN\$17,687,172,000, the November figures showed an increase of CN\$10,973,415,000.

Of November's total imports, vehicles and vessels totalling CN\$30,159,768,000 topped the list, followed by text books, atlas and newspaper amounting to CN\$16,948,287,000, while the import of raw cotton and cotton yarn aggregating CN\$15,739,489,000 ranked third, and of metals and ores amounting to CN\$15,309,571,000 fourth.

The export of tung oil which amounted to CN\$12,076,405,000 topped November's total exports list, followed by bristles which totalled CN\$7,624,998,000. Taking third place on the exports list, silk amounted to CN\$3,383,824,000, while rough cotton cloth worth CN\$3,005,855,000 ranked fourth.—Central News.

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NUERNBERG "LIFERS" TO LIVE IN PRISON WITHIN A PRISON

Berlin, Dec. 29. The "seven-men of Nuernberg"—Hess, Funk, Raeder, Speer, von Schirach, von Neurath, and Doenitz—will, it is expected, be removed from Nazidom's cradle-city to the grim fortress prison of Spandau, in the northwestern outskirts of Berlin, before the end of this month.

There, in a specially reconstructed wing of the ancient citadel which housed the political enemies of the Electors and the Kings of Prussia, as well as of Hitler, the seven leaders of Nazi Germany who escaped from the Nuernberg dock with their lives, will serve their prison sentences.

They will live in solitary confinement in cells which are not adjacent. Their cells have been made as "suicide-proof" as the lessons learned at Nuernberg can make them. They will be watched and tended by Allied personnel only. There will not be a single German inside the prison.

They will be allowed books and writing materials, and visitors, but probably not the tobacco they enjoyed at Nuernberg while on trial. At exercise or at work, they will be allowed a reasonable amount of conversation.

For the able-bodied—and this means the former youth leader, Baldur von Schirach, the arms king, Albert Speer, Hitler's successor Karl Doenitz, and possibly Rudolf Hess—the work will be heavy labour such as coal-breaking, or the wood-chopping indulged in by another of Germany's leaders in aggression, Kaiser Wilhelm, during his long years of exile in Holland.

Cell Furnishings

The cells have concrete floors, with a thin linoleum covering. They are barely furnished, with a bed, a table which will collapse under weight, a chair, and a flimsy shelf attached to the wall for personal belongings and books.

Apart from this shelf, the walls and ceilings of the cells have been stripped of projections. Even the electric lamp holders have been removed and refitted outside the cell doors, in which apertures have been made to permit light to enter.

Glass has been removed from the cell windows and thick plastic fitted in its place, outside the bars. Toilets have been so constructed that they will offer no hiding place for poison, such as Goering's quick eye is believed to have discovered.

The prison is under Four-Power control, with British, American, Soviet, and French directors, who will rotate as senior directors in accordance with the monthly change in chairmanship on the Allied Commandatura.

The British director is Squadron-Leader Hugh Quinlan, a 51-year-old, Irish-born prison governor with 18 years experience in the Sudan Police and Prison Service, before he joined the RAF in 1940.

At the end of the war, he was at Flensburg and took part in the interrogation of leading Nazi prisoners, including Hitler's Minister of Justice, Thierack, an old Nazi who recently committed suicide in an internment camp. Since then, he has been directing various internment camps and prisoners in the British zone.

Assisting Quinlan is Colonel Walter Giese, a husky American Colonel, who has been in charge of prisoner of war camps in Indiana and Kentucky, and Soviet and French directors.

Four doctors and 32 guards are drawn equally from the four Allied Powers. The guards will be civilian warders, mostly ex-servicemen. Cleaners and cooks include a number of other nationals—but all are Allied.

There will be no Germans inside the gaol to act as channels for poison, and prison visiting will take place under far more drastic supervision than necessity appeared to demand even at Nuernberg.

Spandau, where some of the revolutionaries of 1848 were lodged, where the Prussians concealed gold looted from France in 1870, and where Elisabeth Christians, wife of Frederick the Great, took refuge during the Seven Years' War, is today a special prison for special prisoners.

There, humbled as few leaders of aggression have been before, the seven men from Nuernberg will have plenty of time to reflect upon the follies of the dream which brought them to this prison.—Reuter.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

"A" Division

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Rangers | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 46 | 12 | 22 |
| Aberdeen | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 20 | 22 |
| Dundee | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 15 | 21 |
| Hearts | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 18 | 20 |
| Morton | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 21 | 18 |
| Clyde | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 18 | 16 |
| Queen's P. | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 23 | 20 | 15 |
| Falkirk | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 14 |
| Third Lanark | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Partick Th. | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 22 | 12 |
| Motherwell | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 22 | 11 |
| Glasgow | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 16 | 24 | 10 |
| St. Mirren | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 24 | 9 |
| Kilmarnock | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 24 | 9 |
| Queen's Park | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 20 | 8 |
| Hamilton | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 28 | 7 |

"B" Division

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Dundee | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 14 | 22 |
| Airdrieonians | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 18 | 19 |
| East Fife | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 15 | 18 |
| Dunfermline | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 12 | 16 |
| Greenock | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 15 |
| Albion R. | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 14 |
| Rutherglen | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 13 |
| St. Johnstone | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 12 |
| Leith Athletic | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 11 |
| Dundee U. | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 11 |
| Cowdenbeath | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Arbroath | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 8 |
| Blackburn | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 28 | 7 |